State Government has further informed that static guards have been established at pockets/villages inhabited by minority families and Area Domination is also being ensured in minority community pockets.

Peace talks with Kashmiri militants

4262. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have contingency plans to improve the peace talks plan with Kashmiri militants in view of the recent murder of Ex. Hizbul Commander Abdul Mazeed Dar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of Padmanabhan-Hizb talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Shri N.N. Vohra has been appointed as the Government of India's representative to initiate and carry forward a dialogue with the elected representatives, various organizations and concerned individuals in the State of J & K and not with any specific individual or organization in the State.

(c) Shri Vohra (not Shri Padmanabhan) has had no talks with the Hizb.

Terrorists arrested under Pota in J&K

†4263. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some terrorists had been arrested till February, 2003 in Jammu and Kashmir under Prevention of Terrorism Act;

(b) if so, the total number thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the charges levelled under the said Act have now been withdrawn against a number of terrorists out of these; and

(d) if so, the number of persons against whom charges under Prevention Of Terrorism Act had been withdrawn togetherwith the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.